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have buildings excluded from the provisions of the Bill. If it is a public place, whether it is a building or not, naturally meetings held there has got to be regulated. The only question for consideration is whether the public have a right of access to that place and if every member of the public had the right to enter that place, it has to be regulated, as it is regulated in any other open place. It does not make any difference. Therefore I would request the hon. Member not to press his amendment as it is because that has no meaning at all.''

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' I only want a clarification from the Hon. Minister. There is an M.L.A. or an M.L.C. or a Member of the District Board, a Panchayat Board or Member of Parliament. These are publicmen and representatives of the people. They own a house, a private house. Suppose in my house—I am an M.L.A.—to which my constituents have access, gather together to represent their grievances, will such an interpretation be given to that gathering as a public meeting and the rights of the people taken away? ''

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Certainly not. I do not think that this will take place even in a Communist country.''

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—'' I do not want to press my amendment if the Hon. Minister would accept such an amendment as to exclude buildings from public places.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Is the hon. Member pressing his amendment? ''

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—'' Yes, Sir.''

The amendment was put and lost.

Clauses 2 and 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, I move—

'*That the Police (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1955, be passed.*''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' The question is—

'That the Police (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1955, be *passed.*' ''

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

VII.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR 1950-51.

DEMAND III—STAMPS.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

'*That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 2,82,918 *under Demand III—Stamps.*' ''

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 2,82,918 under Demand II—Stamps.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND VI—MOTOR VEHICLES ACTS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

' *That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 258 *under Demand VI—Motor Vehicles Acts.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 258 under Demand VI—Motor Vehicles Acts.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND VII—OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

' *That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 8,45,587 *under Demand VII—Other Taxes and Duties.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 8,45,587 under Demand VII—Other Taxes and Duties.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND VIII—IRRIGATION.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

' *That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 13,83,470 *under Demand VIII—Irrigation.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 13,83,470 under Demand VIII—Irrigation.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND IX—HEADS OF STATES, MINISTERS AND HEADQURTERS STAFF.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

'*That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 19,122 under Demand IX—Heads of States, Ministers and Headquarters Staff.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 19,122 under Demand IX—Heads of States, Ministers and Headquarters staff.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—JAILS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

'*That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 92,299 under Demand XIII—Jails.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—Motion moved—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 92,299 under Demand XIII—Jails.' "

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In the report of the Committee it is stated that no stock verification was conducted in the Vellore Central Jail. According to the Jail rules, the Jailor has to keep the accounts and the Superintendent has to supervise and check the accounts. A remark was made about this by the Accountant-General and I know the Hon. the Finance Minister when this was discussed in the Public Accounts Committee meeting was also of the view that the accounts were not maintained properly and there was inefficiency on the part of the department. Therefore the Government should see that a directive is sent to all departments regarding checking and verification of stores and not give room for the Accountant-General to remark that they have been inaccurately and inefficiently kept. With these remarks I oppose the demand."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" During the year 1950–51 several thousands of people were put into jail. That is why Government had to incur such a large amount of expenditure. Even now many political prisoners are languishing in jails. To make amends for the mistakes committed in the past, I hope Government would release them all from jails immediately viewing their cases sympathetically."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even with the greatest stretch of imagination I am unable to find the relevancy of the remarks made by the hon. Member Sri Gopalakrishnan with

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reference to the Demand under discussion. That is a different subject on which he is entitled to make a representation but not on this occasion. I request that the Demand may be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 92,299 under Demand XIII—Jails.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—MEDICAL.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

'*That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 2,92,474 under Demand XVI—Medical.*' "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 2,92,474 under Demand XVI—Medical.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XVII—PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I beg to move—

'*That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 22,197 under Demand XVII—Public Health.*' "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved :—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 22,197 under Demand XVII—Public Health.' "

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" There has been provision in the Budget for the supply of drinking water. In spite of that in many places water was not supplied. Adequate reasons were not given why this was not done. Apart from this, considerable loss has been caused to the State because of the fact that a number of wells have been ordered to be dug and when the work had progressed far, it was found that sites selected were unsuitable, and further work had to be abandoned. This fact is also stated in the report.

1-10 p.m. " So, may I know from the Government whether adequate steps would be taken to see that in future such things are not repeated at the cost of the exchequer? I hope the Government will see that such mischievous and scandalous activities are not indulged in by officials, whoever they may be."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Every possible step is being taken to avoid wastage. With this assurance, I would request the hon. Members to pass this Demand also."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 22,197 under Demand XVII—Public Health.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I move—

' *That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 2,41,932 under Demand XXIV—Miscellaneous Departments.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 2,41,932 under Demand XXIV—Miscellaneous Departments.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXV—CIVIL WORKS—WORKS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I move—

' *That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 14,03,667 under Demand XXV—Civil Works—Works.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 14,03,667 under Demand XXV—Civil Works—Works.' "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I am rising just to point out certain difficulties experienced by the people in my constituency. In 1948 the Government sanctioned the construction of certain roads in the Irikkur firka in my constituency. The work had already been started and some amount had also been spent. But afterwards it was abandoned on the ground that the necessity for such roads does not exist now. Now there are no transport facilities in the Irikkur firka. It is argued that the construction of those roads was started for Malabar Special Police and for other policemen to serve as ' security roads ' and now

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there is no need for such roads. Therefore, I request the Government to reconsider their decision and issue an order for the construction of such roads there."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I will consider the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 14,03,667 under Demand XXV—Civil Works—Works.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXVIII—ELECTRICITY.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I move—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 12,91,794 under Demand XXVIII—Electricity.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 12,91,794 under Demand XXVIII—Electricity.' "

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, it is stated in the Introductory Memorandum to the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the year 1950–51 that the excess is mainly due to 'the Madras Electric Tramways refusing to pay the bills'. May I know what action has been taken by the Government on this matter?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have gone to the court of law and the matter is still pending there."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 12,91,794 under Demand XXVIII—Electricity.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXXI—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I move—

'That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 3,70,849 under Demand XXXI—Stationery and Printing.' "

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 3,70,849 under Demand XXXI—Stationery and Printing.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXXII—MISCELLANEOUS.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I move—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 70,881 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous.' "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 70,881, under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXXIII—ROAD TRANSPORT SCHEMES.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and with the approval of the Governor, I move—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 4,43,026 under Demand XXXIII—Road Transport Schemes.' "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 4,43,026 under Demand XXXIII—Road Transport Schemes.' "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I now adjourn the House till 8-30 a.m. to-morrow."

The House then adjourned.